# Allen Dulles Has to Find, Keep Secrets

## His Agency Keeps President Briefed

WASHINGTON, Apr. 8 (AP) Given a prain, a incom an an ego to match, most people find it difficult to keep a secret.

This, in the opinion of a man whose life is devoted to keeping and breaking secrets, is especially true of Americans. The Russians and English are better at keeping their mouths shut. Americans, by nature, are extroverted, ebullient, ambitious.

"These are fine qualities for the insurance business but not intelligence work," Allen Welsh Dulles, director of the Central Intelligence Agency, told a friend recently.

"For most of us, the urge to show we know more than the next fellow can be a terrible temptation. Keeping secrets is Has Awesome Joh difficult and you have to be trained for it. Even I have an itch now and then to tell more than I should," he said.

The itch, in Mr. Pulles' case, never gets irresistible. It was totally nonexistent one night in September, 1959, at an elaborate White House dinner for a foreign visitor. Coming through the receiving line, Mr. Dulles was introduced by President Eisenhower to a man named Nikita S. Khrushchev.

"Oh, I know of you," Mr. Khrushchev grinned. "I read your reports."

## Saving Suggested

Later, over after-dinner cigars, Mr. Dulles was led back to Mr. Khrushchev by Vice-President Nixon.

"You know Mr. Dulles, don't you?" Mr. Nixon said.

"Oh, yes, I read your reports," said the Russian dictator.

"I hope you get them legally," said the American intelligence chief.

"Oh, yes," said Mr. Khrushchev in a renewed burst of coexistence comedy, "we get these reports from the same sources and the same agents. It's a pity that we don't get together and pay these agents only once and save money.'

"Well, this would be a kind of sharing the wealth program," Mr. Dulles said, and the conversation ended.

Ending that dialogue was easy. But there are other times. with people far more innocuous than Mr. Khrushchev, when <del>2000/04</del>/f13 : CIA-RDP70

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Allen W. Dulles

Mr. Dulles must consciously apply the brakes. This is especially true after a long day at the office followed by an evening

As head of the most secret agency of government, Allen Dulles bears the awesome job of keeping the President and National Security Council regularly informed on developments behind the Iron Curtain in Laos, Cuba, the Congo and other trouble spots.

Much of the American position adopted in foreign affairs and military matters is based on the almost daily reports and appraisals President Kennedy Germany during the war," he finds on his desk from the C. I. A. says. The agency is both a prime coure and a clearing house. It course, is better geared to correlates information from its security. Theirs is a closed own sources and from intellisociety. In our country, for gence branches of the State and example, it is difficult not to Defense Departments to form a advertise our missile locations, total intelligence picture for the while the Russians have vast guidance of the President.

A large percentage of that broadcasts, routine reports of magazines." American officials abroad. More than 200,000 pieces of "open literature" flow into the C. I. A. document center a month.

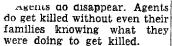
## Spies Provide Some

A small part of the total picture comes from clandestine sources, from agents, from defectors, from the perennial mercenary of espionage who is in the business only to sell information. The number of secret documents reaching C. I. A. each week runs into "the thou-

bath pictured in fiction, it is still a highly dangerous busi-

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At sixty-eight. Mr. Dulles does not resemble his brother, the late Secretary of State John Foster Dulles. Nothing in his manner suggests the nation's master spy operating in the shadows of the world. He more resembles a contented museum curator worrying, at most, about the chip on a plantagenet crosshow, or the head judge at a Sussex flower show cheerfully about to disqualify the vicar's hybrid tea

### Headed C. I. A. Since '53

Mr. Dulles has had a long **c**areer in intelligence worked abroad in the two world wars and has headed C. I. A since 1953.

He is alternately amused by the crudities of Russian propaganda and respectful of the high professional caliber of Russian espionage and security.

"Russian security is a far harder nut to crack than the Germans' was. Their controls are much tighter. People don't come in and out of Russia even the way they did in Nazi

"The Russian system, areas they can close off.

"We still reveal too much, picture is based on analysis of unlike the Russians. Go through overt material—foreign technical journals, official and semiofficial statements, press stories, books, maps. radio as we find in the Russian

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